

FLD
158

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

SECRET/CONTROL-U.S.OFFICIALS ONLY

This Document contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States, within the meaning of Title 18, Sections 793 and 794, of the U.S. Code, as amended. Its transmission or revelation of its contents to or receipt by an unauthorized person is prohibited by law. The reproduction of this form is prohibited.

25X1

COUNTRY	Czechoslovakia	REPORT	
SUBJECT	Synthesia, National Enterprise, Semin: New Electric Power Plant	DATE DISTR.	1 February 1954
DATE OF INFO.		NO. OF PAGES	2
PLACE ACQUIRED		REQUIREMENT NO.	RD
		REFERENCES	25X1

This is UNEVALUATED Information

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.
THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.
(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

25X1

1. A new power station serving Synthesia, National Enterprise, at Semin, is situated on the east side of the Pardubice-Semin railroad line and is about 250 meters to the south of the state highway.
2. The building is 50 by 70 meters in size and about 30 meters high. The structure is of iron and concrete faced with bricks. In October 1952, two boilers had been installed and the power station was to start operation in the first half of 1953.
3. The laying of a railroad track to the power station began in July 1952. It branches off from the main line to Semin at Rosice and leads to a point inside the power station where a loading crane has been installed. This crane is about eight meters high and has an arm about 45 meters long. It is of Czech manufacture and Transporta, National Enterprise, of Chrudim, was responsible for its installation. The crane loads coal onto a belt which moves into a small bunker on the northeastern tip of the power station. From this bunker, two conveyor belts pass up the coal at a steep angle to the boilerhouse, which is in the highest part of the building.
4. An electric switchboard, quite distinct from the switchboard of the power station, has been installed in a stone building 15 by 30 meters in size which is located north of the power station, about 150 meters from the railroad track. Ditches were being dug here, apparently for the cables to this building.
5. On the Pardubice-Bohdanec state highway to the east of the old dwelling houses occupied by employees from Semin, 12 wooden huts were erected on concrete foundations. They are to house units of the Interior Guard (VS).
6. A pond, probably to be used as a water reservoir, has been excavated near the new tracks at the power station. Below the pond and between the two tracks some other construction was under way. Up to October 1952, only the foundations of buildings had been laid.

SECRET/CONTROL-U.S.OFFICIALS ONLY

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC		ORR	Ev	X		
-------	---	------	---	------	---	-----	---	-----	--	-----	--	-----	----	---	--	--

SECRET/CONTROL-U.S.OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1

- 2 -

7. On the east side of the new railroad track there are foundations for a new building.
8. Some new construction work is also being carried out on the north side of the Pardubice-Bohdanec highway between the woods and the road. This construction was just beginning in October 1952.
9. Concrete Constructions (Stavobet), National Enterprise, of Prague, is responsible for the construction work. Building department No. 2 of this concern has about 1,800 employees, who are housed in Doubravice. About 600 of these employees worked on the new power station. They worked one shift per day. The remainder worked on other buildings in Senti in two shifts, and on the building of underground storage space in Steblova. The latter project is located in a wood on the Pardubice-Hradec Kralove line, near the town of Steblova.
10. Czechoslovak Construction Works (CSSZ) guards from Stavobet guard the construction sites.

25X1

SECRET/CONTROL-U.S.OFFICIALS ONLY